By his Majesty's special Command.

A

FORM

OF

PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches & Chapels throughout *England* and *Wales*, upon *Friday* the 13th of *December*, 1776, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a general FAST and Humiliation before Almighty GOD, to be observed in most Devout and Solemn Manner, by sending up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty:

For obtaining Pardon of Our Sins, and for averting those heavy Judgments, which Our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and imploring his Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of his Majesty by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Himself, and to his Kingdoms.

[PRICE TWO-PENCE.]

The Order for Morning Prayer.

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[illegible] Psalms for Ecclesiastical [illegible] Offices [illegible]

[illegible] read with a [illegible] and give them the Benediction [illegible] Blessing.

[illegible] correct me but with [illegible]
[illegible] me to [illegible]
[illegible] go to my [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] against [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible]

2 Lesson of the Verses [illegible] Psalm [illegible]

[illegible] of God is a [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] O God, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] Psal. xxxi.

[illegible] love thee, O [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my defence; my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] and my [illegible]
[illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] Psal. xviii.

[illegible] shall every one that is Godly make his prayer [illegible]
[illegible] time when thou mayest be found. Psal. xxxii.
[illegible] my King, O God, and [illegible]
[illegible] I will not rush in [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] help me. Psal. xlix.

But God is thou that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in confusion that hate us. Psal. xliv.

There is no King that can be saved by the [illegible]
[illegible] neither is any mighty man delivered by [illegible]
[illegible] Psal. xxxiii.

I will [illegible] unto the Lord, [illegible]
[illegible] glory in him will I [illegible]

The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth, read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment, not in thine anger, leſt thou bring me to nothing. *Jer.* x. 21.

I will ariſe, and go to my father, and will ſay unto him, Father, I have ſinned againſt heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy ſon. *Luke* xv. 18, 19.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite, *this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

THE ſacrifice of God is a troubled ſpirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe. *Pſal.* li. 17.

I ſaid, I will confeſs my ſins unto the Lord: and ſo thou forgaveſt the wickedneſs of my ſin. Pſal. xxxii. 5.

I will love thee, O Lord, my ſtrength; the Lord is my ſtony rock and my defence: my Saviour, my God, the horn alſo of my ſalvation, and my refuge. *Pſal.* xviii. 1.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine enemies. Pſal. xviii. 2.

For this ſhall every one that is Godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayeſt be found. *Pſal.* xxxii. 7.

Thou art my King, O God: ſend help unto Jacob. *Pſal.* xliv. 5.

For I will not truſt in my bow: it is not my ſword t t ſhall help me. *Pſal.* xliv. 7.

But it is thou that ſaveſt us from our enemies: and putteſt them to confuſion that hate us. Pſal. xliv. 8.

There is no King that can be ſaved by the multitude of an hoſt: neither is any mighty man delivered by much ſtrength. *Pſal.* xxxiii. 15.

I will ſay unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my ſtrong hold: my God; in him will I truſt. Pſal. xci. 2.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. *Psal.* xci. 1.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Psal. xci. 4.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Psal.* xxxii. 8.

My time is in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine Enemies. Psal. xxxi. 17.

O save thy people, and give thy blessing to thine inheritance: feed them, and set them up for ever. *Psal.* xxviii. 10.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. Psal. xxix. 10.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Psalms,* XXVII, XLVI, LXIV.

First Lesson, Isaiah LVIII.

¶ *After the First Lesson, shall follow* We praise thee, O God.

Second Lesson, St. Luke VIII. *ver.* 22 *to* 26.

¶ *Then* Benedictus, *the* Creed, *&c. to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Priest standing up, shall say,*

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us!
Answ. And grant us thy salvation.
Priest. O Lord, save the King!
Answ. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Answ. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord!
Answ. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest. O Lord, save thy servants!
Answ. Who put their trust in thee.
Priest. Send us help from thy holy place.
Answ. And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest.

Priest. Let the enemy have no advantage against us;
Answ. Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.
Priest. Lord, hear our Prayer!
Answ. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *These two Collects to be used instead of the First Collect for Morning Prayer.*

O Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the earth, and on whose most gracious providence they depend evermore for preservation and prosperity: Extend thine accustomed goodness to the people of this land, who looking up to Thee as the supreme author of all blessings, and their sure safeguard and mighty deliverer in all dangers and difficulties, do now implore thy watchful care and protection; beseeching thee to guide them continually with thy counsel, to strengthen them with thy powerful arm, and to crown with success their necessary endeavours in defeating the unjust attempts of their rebellious fellow-subjects against the rights of our Sovereign, and the lawful authority of the legislature of these kingdoms. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord God of our salvation, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, of good and evil, and without whose aid the wisest counsels of frail men, and the multitude of an host, and all the instruments of war are but weak and vain; incline thine ear, we pray thee, to the earnest and devout supplications of thy servants, who, not confiding in the splendour of any thing that is great, or the stability of any thing that is strong here below, do most humbly flee, O Lord, unto thee for succour, and put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. Be thou to us a tower of defence against the assaults of our enemies, our shield and buckler in the day of battle, and so bless the arms of our gracious Sovereign, in the maintenance of His just and lawful rights, and prosper His endeavours to restore tranquility among His unhappy deluded subjects in *America*, now in open rebellion against His Crown, in defiance of all subordination and legal government, that we being preserved by thy help and goodness from all perils and disasters, and made happily triumphant over all the disturbers of our peace, may joyfully laud and magnify thy glorious Name; and serve thee from generation to generation in all godliness and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall follow the* second *and* third Collects *at* Morning Prayer: *And the* Litany.

¶ *After the Prayer in the end of the Litany* [We humbly beseech thee, *&c.*] *shall these following be added*:

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully to hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee: that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People shall say this that followeth, after the Minister.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou spareſt when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord most good and powerful, we thy sinful people, here assembled before thee, do acknowledge it thine unspeakable mercy, that for our manifold and heinous provocations we are not utterly consumed, and given over for a prey to the Enemy and Avenger. We confess, with sorrow and confusion, our long unfruitfulness under the means of grace, the light of thy gospel, and the many wonderful deliverances of this Church and State, which thou in thy great goodness hast vouchsafed unto us. O Lord, shouldest thou enter into judgement with us for the crying sins of this nation, our profaneness and infidelity, heresies and schisms, our inordinate love of pleasures, and other manifold offences, thou mightest justly inflict upon us the severity of thy wrath, and deliver us up to the reproaches and insults of our Enemies: but there is mercy with thee, therefore shalt thou be feared: thou art the Lord God, tender and full of compassion, not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent and live. Look down therefore, we beseech thee, with an eye of pity and loving-kindness upon thy servants, who, with broken and contrite

contrite hearts, do here bewail our transgressions and wretchedness. Let our land in this time of trouble still enjoy the light of thy countenance, and the blessings of thy bountiful hand; and so work upon our hearts and minds by the gracious influences of thy Holy Spirit, that being turned from the error of our ways, and created to newness of life, we may walk before thee in all righteousness and holiness in this world; and inherit thine everlasting kingdom in that which is to come, through the merits of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *Then read the end of* Morning Prayer *as usual.*

The Communion Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting] *shall be read the two Collects of the Day, as in the* Morning Prayer [O Almighty God, *&c.* O Lord God, *&c.*] *and then shall follow*

The Epistle. 1 Peter *Chap.* II. *Ver.* 11. *to Ver.* 18.

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the King as supreme; or unto Governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.

The Gospel. St. Luke XIII. *Ver.* 1, *to* 6.

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye

ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered these things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Nicene Creed: *and after that the Sermon.*

After the Prayer [for the whole state of Christ's Church] *the following shall be used.*

¶ *A Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.*

O Blessed Lord, who hast manifested thine abundant favour to these realms, in thy marvellous protection of our religion, laws, and liberties, from the secret conspiracies, and open attempts of our enemies; We beseech thee to preserve evermore in our minds, such a grateful sense of these thine invaluable mercies, that by our exemplary and religious use of them, and happy improvements under them, to thy honour and service, we may be accounted worthy of the continuance of thy blessings to us and our posterity. Take away from us, O Lord, all hardness of heart, all neglect of thine ordinances, and contempt of thy word; and endue us with a spirit of piety and devotion, a spirit of justice and temperance, of humility and charity, and of all other graces, which adorn the Christian profession; that so thy dreadful displeasure and judgments may be ever averted from us, and iniquity not become our ruin. Be thou pleased also with thine especial favour to guard and prosper our gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, with all the Royal Family. Be thou to Him, O Lord, an helmet of Salvation against His enemies that delight in war. Do thou, we pray thee, frustrate their wicked designs, defeat their stratagems, and so put them to flight and confusion before His face, that the terror of His arms may add dignity and lustre to His Crown, and bring safety, joy, and happiness to Himself and His kingdoms. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer*

¶ *A Prayer for Unity.*

O GOD, who haſt taught us in thy holy Word, to increaſe and abound in love one towards another, put away from us, we beſeech thee, all bitterneſs and wrath, and evil-ſpeaking and envy, that our hearts may be firmly knit together in mutual affection, in zeal for our religion and laws, in dutiful obedience to the King, and all who are in authority under him; that as there is but one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one faith, one God and Father of us all, ſo we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one ſoul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, O God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for our Enemies.*

O Bleſſed Lord, who haſt commanded us by thy beloved Son to love our Enemies, and to extend our charity in praying even for thoſe, who deſpitefully uſe us, give grace, we beſeech thee, to our unhappy fellow-ſubjects in *America*, that ſeeing and confeſſing the error of their ways, and having a due ſenſe of their ingratitude for the many bleſſings of thy Providence, preſerved to them by the indulgent care and protection of theſe kingdoms, they may again return to their duty, and make themſelves worthy of thy pardon and forgiveneſs: Grant us in the mean time not only ſtrength and courage to withſtand them, but charity to forgive and pity them, to ſhew a willingneſs to receive them again as friends and brethren, upon juſt and reaſonable terms, and to treat them with mercy and kindneſs, for the ſake of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's Name; We beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant, that thoſe things which we have faithfully aſked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Priest (or Bishop, if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The ORDER for EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

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¶ *The Hymn appointed to be uſed at Morning Prayer, inſtead of the* Venite, &c. *ſhall here alſo be uſed before the proper Pſalms.*

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* CXX, CXXI, CXLIV.

¶ *Firſt Leſſon,* 2 *Chron.* XX. *to Ver.* 31.

My ſoul doth magnify the Lord, *&c. Luke* i. 46.

¶ *Second Leſſon, James* IV. *to Ver.* 11.

God be merciful unto us, *&c. Pſal.* lxvii.

¶ *Then the Creed,* &c. *to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us!
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.
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Priest. Lord, hear our prayer!
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¶ *These two Collects to be used instead of the First Collect for the Evening Prayer.*

O Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the earth, and on whose most gracious providence they depend evermore for preservation and prosperity; Extend thine accustomed goodness to the people of this land; who looking up to thee as the supreme author of all blessings, and their sure safeguard and mighty deliverer in all dangers and difficulties, do now implore thy watchful care and protection; beseeching thee to guide them continually with thy counsel, to strengthen them with thy powerful arm, and to crown with success their necessary endeavours in defeating the unjust attempts of their rebellious fellow-subjects against the rights of our Sovereign, and the lawful authority of the legislature of these kingdoms. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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¶ *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.*

O GOD, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; Give unto thy ſervants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments, and alſo that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Third Collect, for Aid againſt all Perils.*

LIghten our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beſeech thee mercifully hear our prayers; and ſpare all thoſe who confeſs their ſins unto thee; that they whoſe conſciences by ſin are accuſed, by thy merciful pardon may be abſolved, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay, after the Miniſter:*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, &c. [*as in Morning Prayer, p.* 6.]

O LORD, moſt good and powerful, we thy ſinful people, here aſſembled before thee, &c. [*as in Morning Prayer,* 6.]

¶ *After*

¶ *After the general Thanksgiving, let the following Prayers be used.*

¶ *Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.*

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¶ *A Prayer of St.* Chrysostom.

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 *Cor.* XIII. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

F I N I S.